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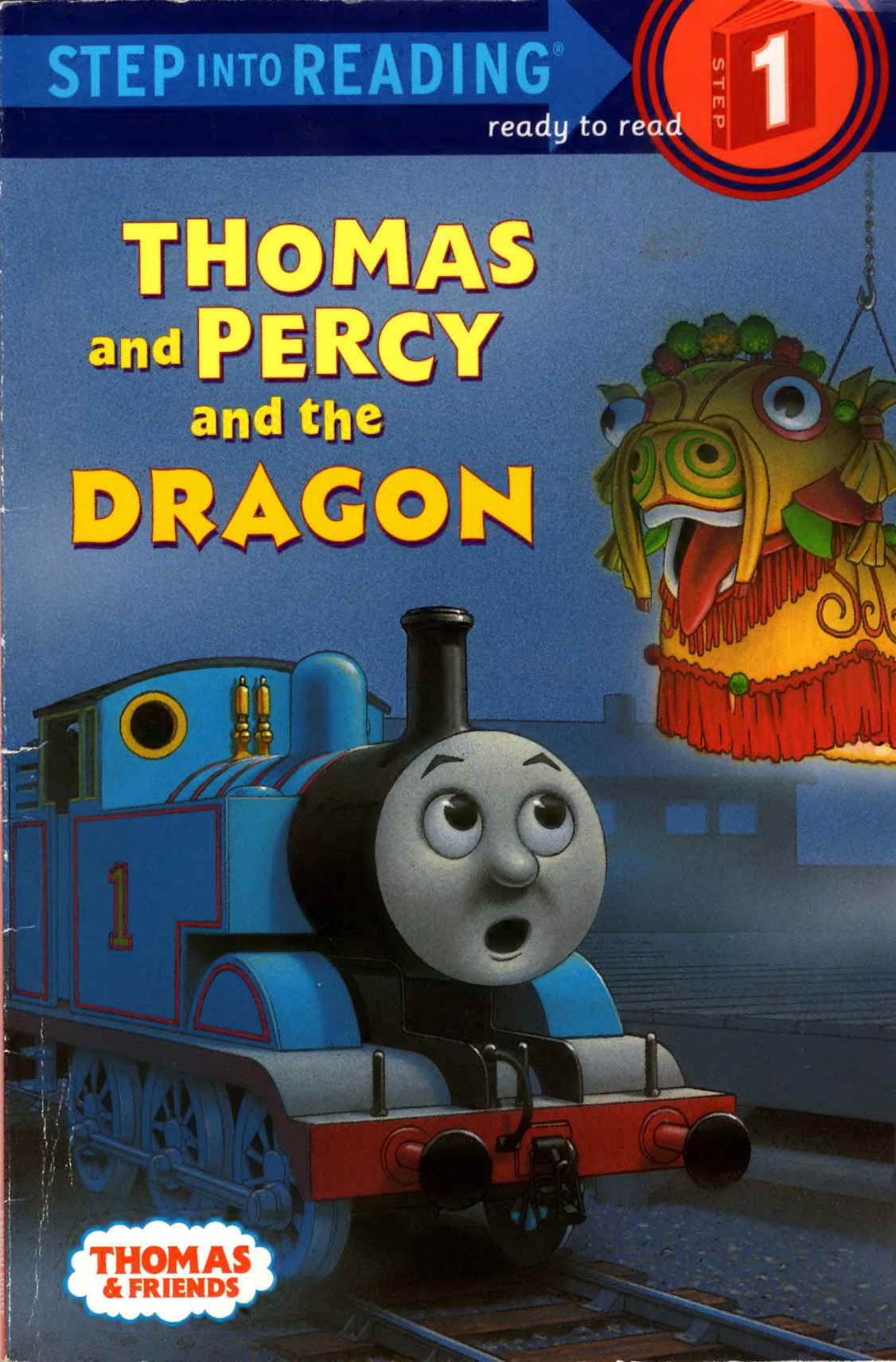

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Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends

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Based on The Railway Series by the Rev W Awdry

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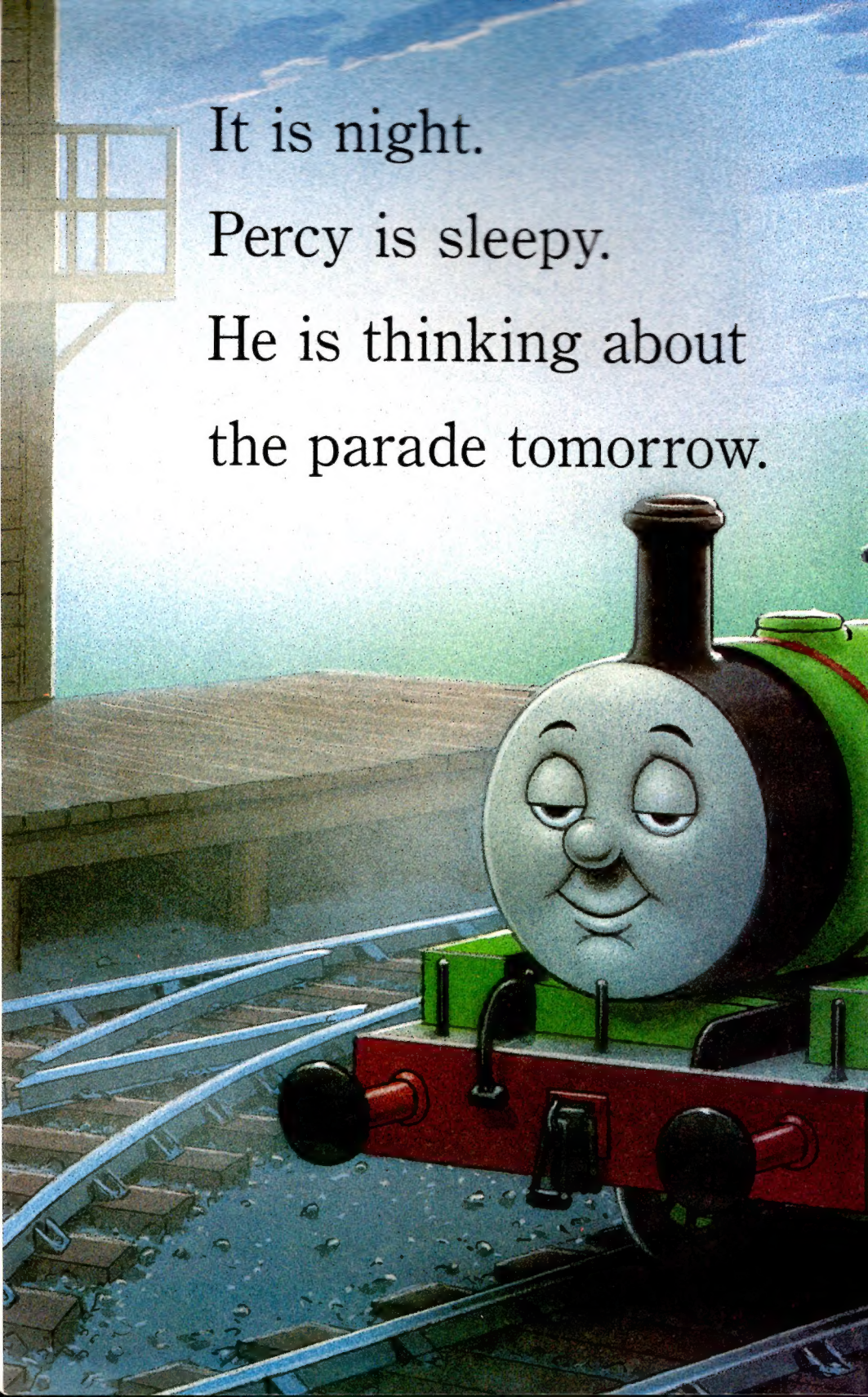
It is night.
Percy is sleepy.
He is thinking about
the parade tomorrow.

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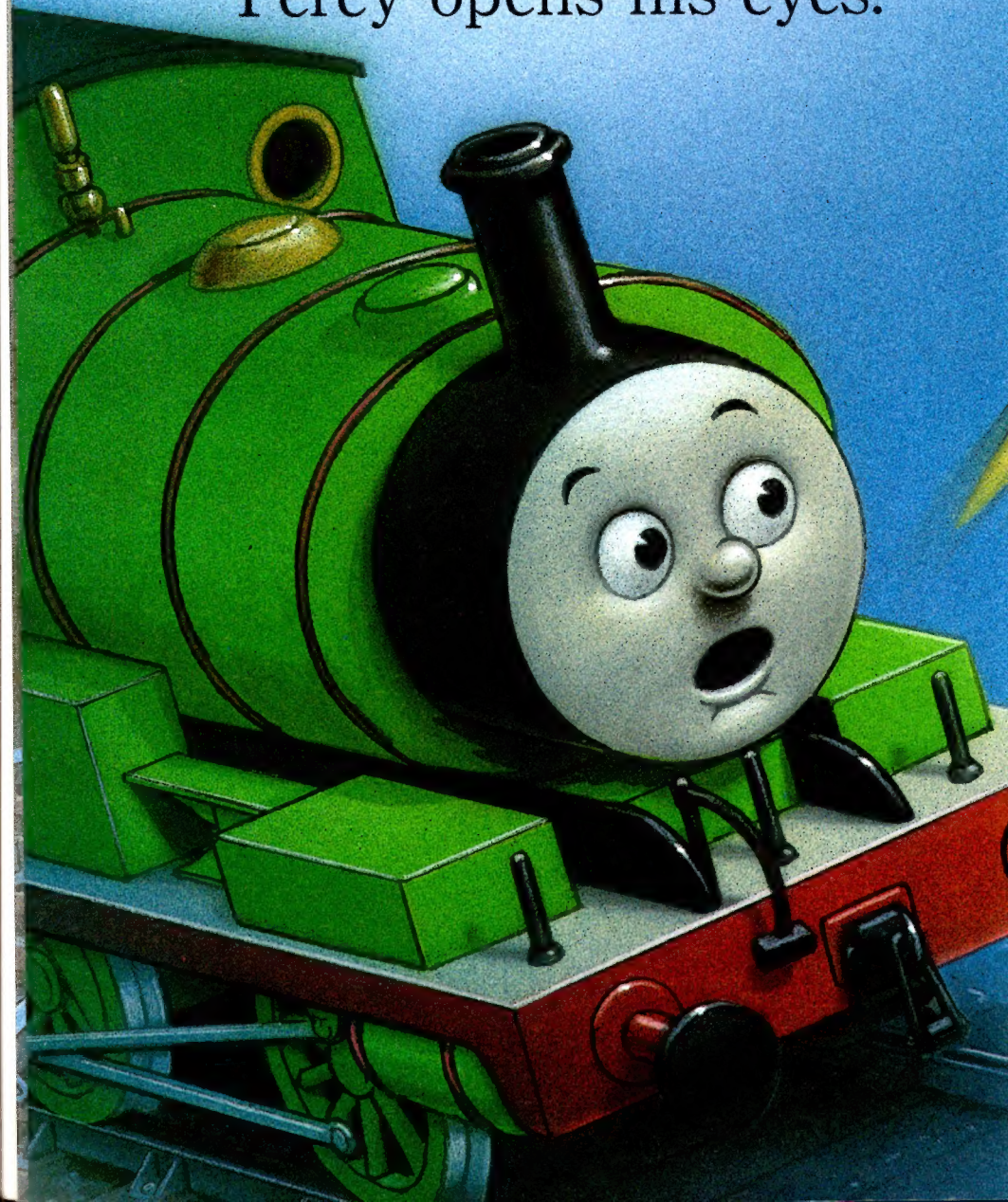
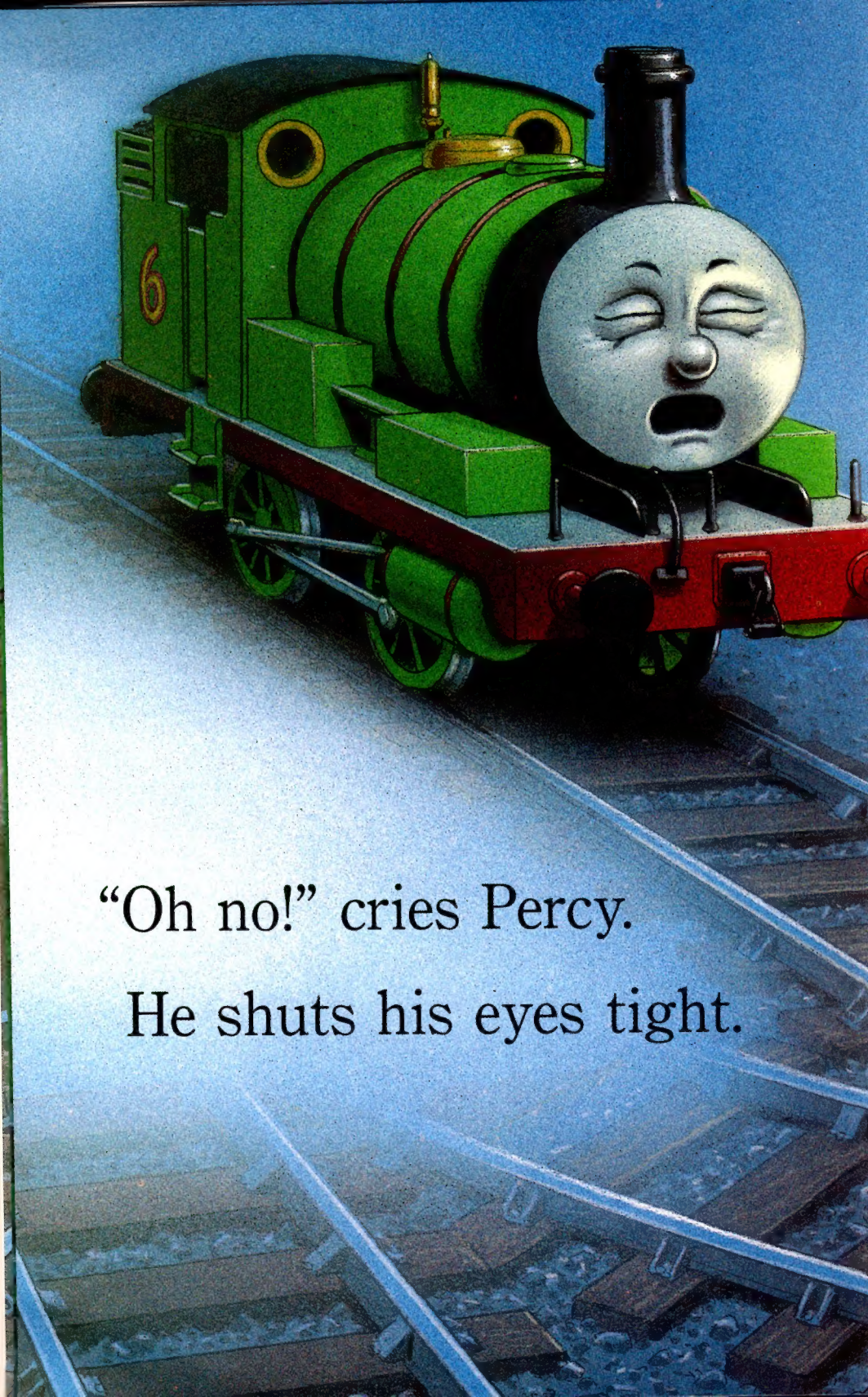
Percy hears a rumble.

Something is coming.

Percy opens his eyes.



He sees a dragon.
It is big and yellow
and scary!



"Oh no!" cries Percy.

He shuts his eyes tight.

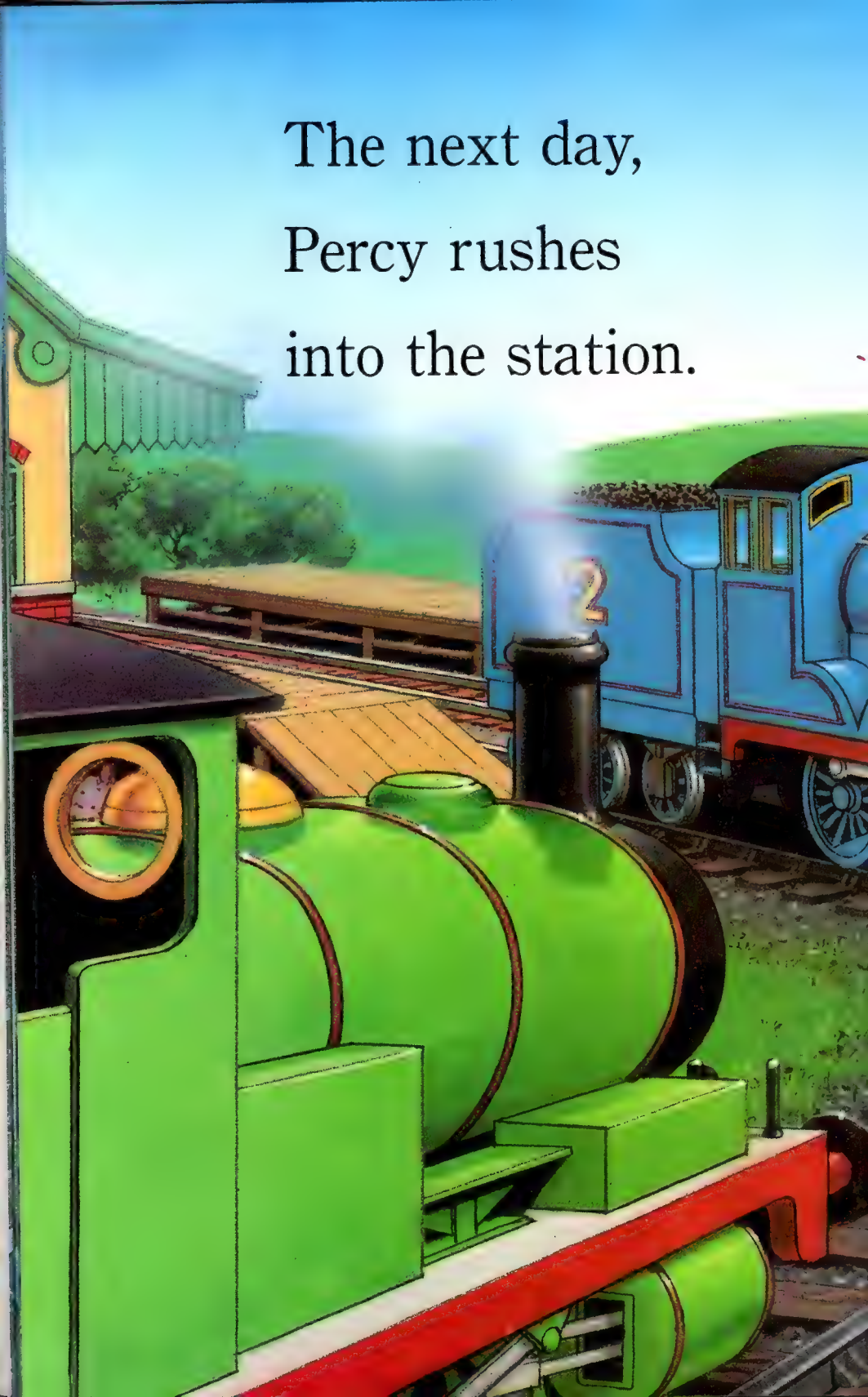
The rumble fades.

Percy peeks.

The dragon is

running away!

The next day,
Percy rushes
into the station.



“I saw a dragon

last night!” he says.

"Scared little Percy!"

teases James.

"You are off your tracks!"

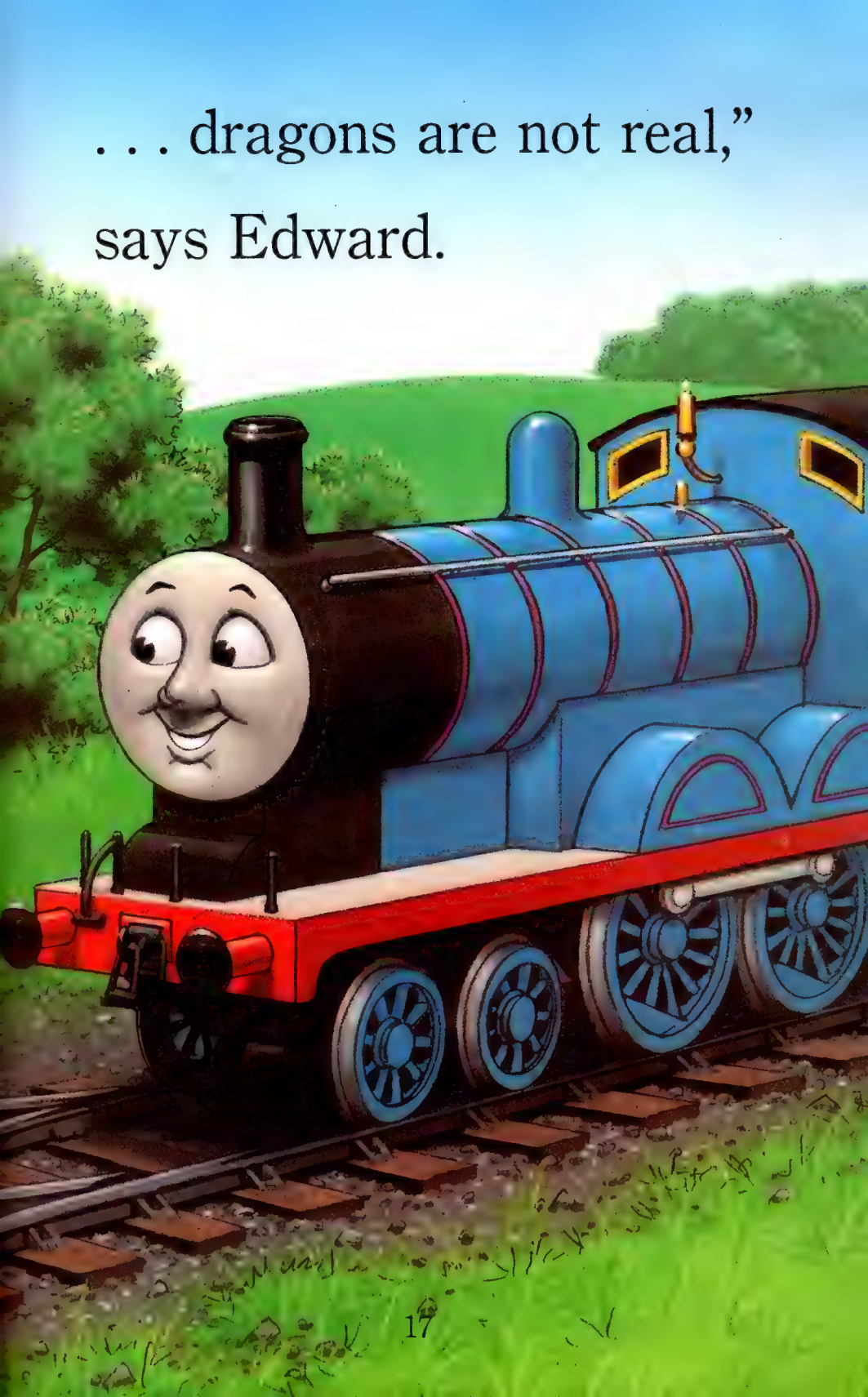
James chugs off.

"Peep, peep, peep!"

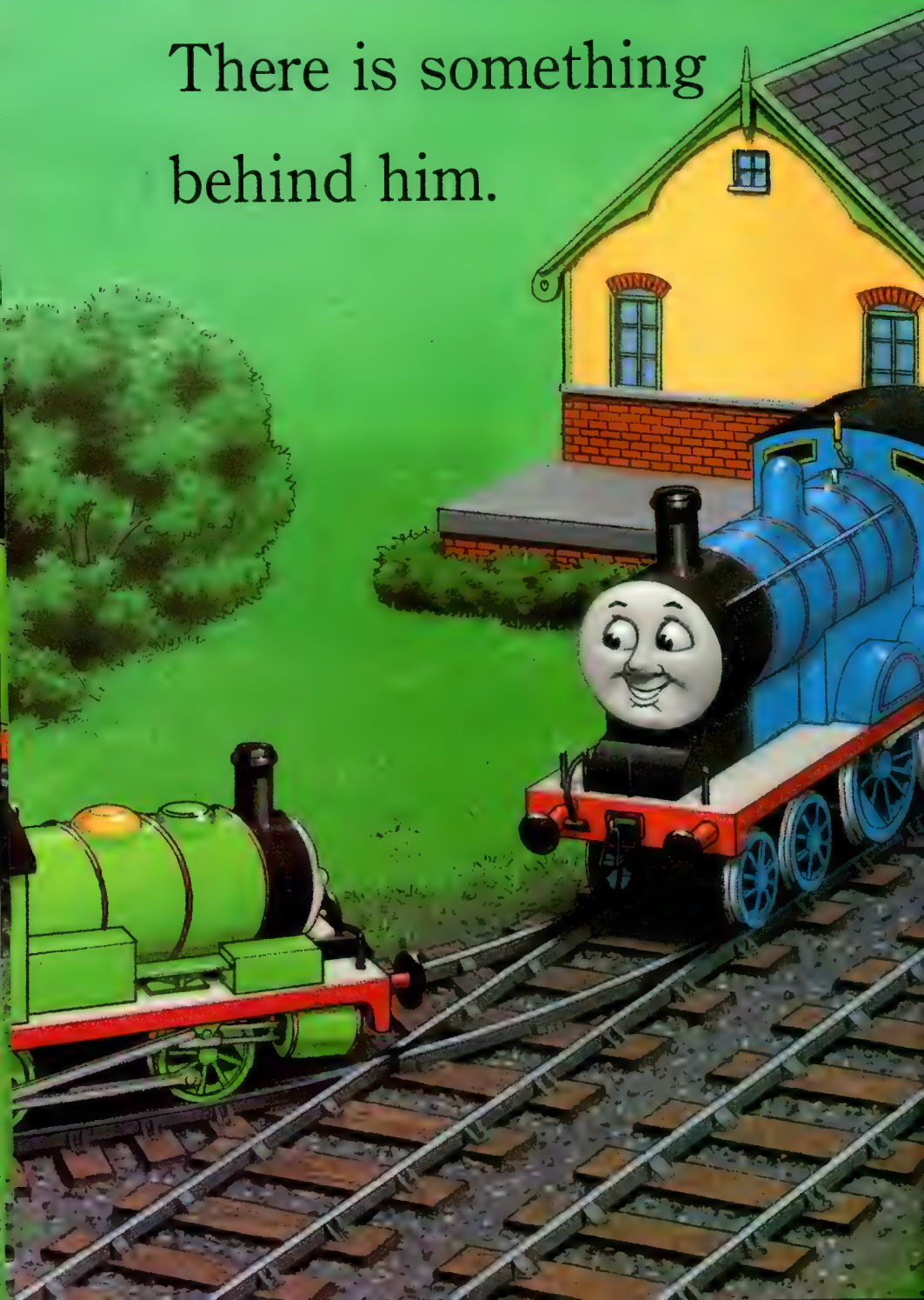
"You just had

a bad dream . . .

. . . dragons are not real,"
says Edward.



Percy sees Thomas.
There is something
behind him.



It is big and yellow and scary!

"Watch out, Thomas!"
shouts Percy.

"There is a dragon chasing you!"

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"Silly Percy,"
laughs Thomas.
"This dragon
will not eat you.

It is a paper dragon

for the parade."

Later, Thomas and Percy stop to watch the parade.

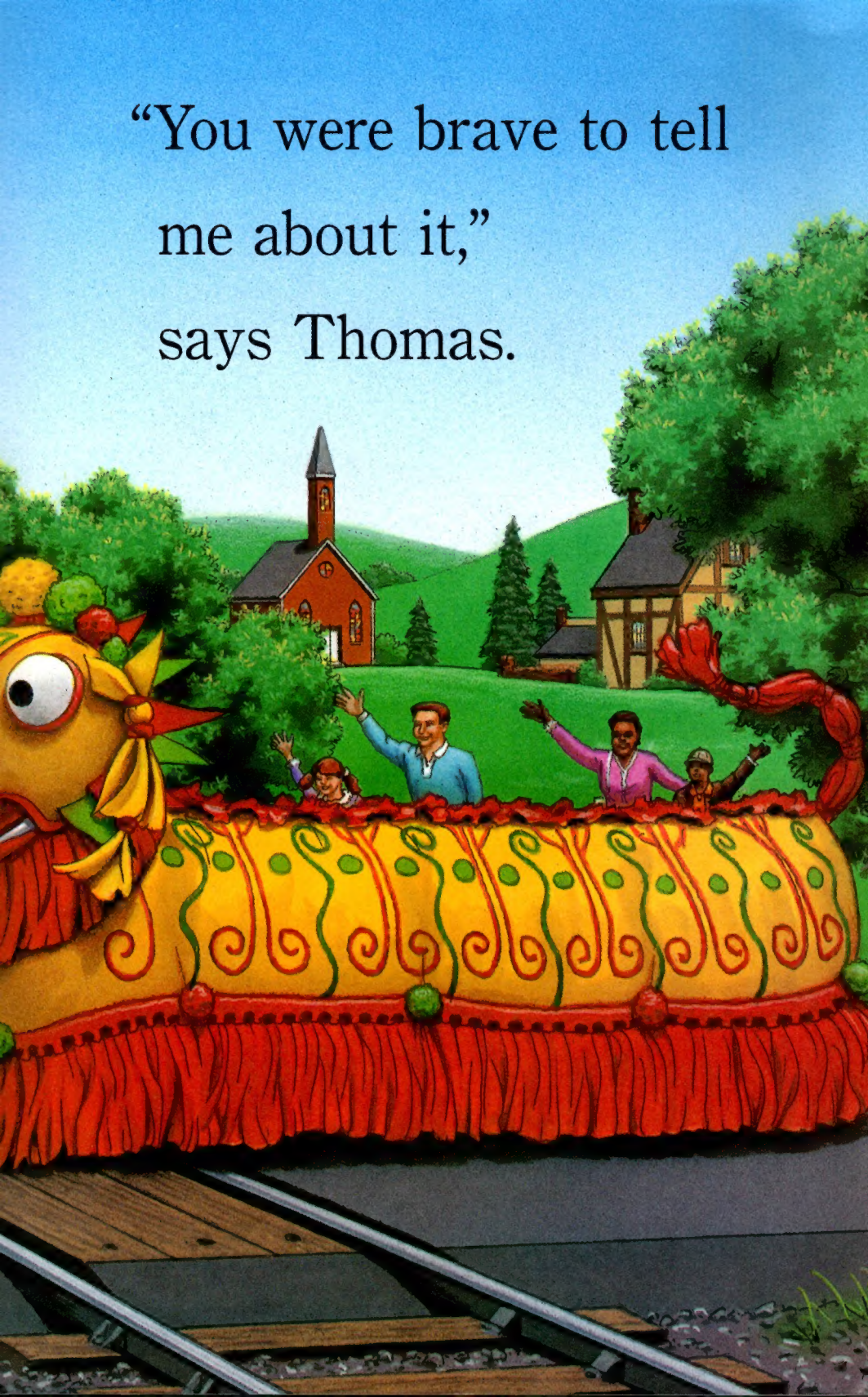
There is Sir Topham Hatt.

Next comes a band.

"Here comes the dragon,"
says Thomas.

"He is not so scary anymore," says Percy.

"You were brave to tell me about it," says Thomas.



"It is good
to tell someone,"
says Percy.

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